

What Child Is This?

2-Part Chorus for Men and Women

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♩. = 36 *flowing*

The musical score is written for a 2-part chorus (Men and Women) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 6/8. The tempo is marked as 36 beats per minute, with a 'flowing' character. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part features a continuous eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The vocal lines are written in bass and treble clefs respectively. The lyrics are: 'What Child is this, who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping; Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard, and angels sing:'. The score includes dynamic markings: *mp* (mezzo-piano) at the beginning, *p* (piano) for the piano accompaniment, and *mf* (mezzo-forte) for the vocal lines in the final system. The score is numbered 5, 9, and 13 at the beginning of each system.

5 *mp* What

5 Child is this, — who, laid to rest, — On Mar - y's lap — is sleep - ing; Whom

9 an - gels greet — with an thems sweet, — While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?

13 *mf* This, this — is Christ, the King, — Whom shep - herds guard, — and an - gels sing::

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!

mp Why lies He in such

mean estate, Where ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear, for

mf sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear, shall

34

pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you; Hail! Hail! the

38

Word made flesh, The Babe, — the Son of Mar - y!

42

f So

rit.

46 *a tempo*

bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh. Come, peas - ant king, to

46 *a tempo* **f**

49

own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let

49

52

lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. **ff** Raise, raise the

52

55

song on — high. The vir - gin sings — her lul - la - by.

55

58

Joy! — Joy! — for Christ is — born, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!

rit.

58

mf

(let pedal ring)

62

p

The Babe, the Son — of Mar - y!

p

62

a tempo

rit.

p